

Secretary of the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, both of the Department of State, Robert Kimmitt, Deputy Secretary, and Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, both of the Department of the Treasury, and Michael Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Rear Admiral Thomas Gilmour, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Protection, Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary for Policy, and Jayson Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, all of the Department of Homeland Security, all of behalf of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

DUBAI PORTS WORLD PURCHASE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee met in open and closed sessions to

receive a briefing to discuss Dubai Ports World purchase of Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company from Clay Lowery, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs; Stewart Baker, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs, Rear Admiral Thomas Gilmour, Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, and Jay Ahern, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, all of the Department of Homeland Security; Beth McCormick, Deputy Under Secretary and Acting Director, Defense Technology Security Administration, Department of Defense; and Alan Misenheimer, Director of Arabian Peninsula and Iran Affairs, Department of State.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Pursuant to H. Con. Res. 345, the House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 117)

H.R. 4745, making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program. Signed on February 18, 2006. (Public Law 109-174)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 28 through March 4, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 2271, USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill to occur at 2:30 p.m.

On *Wednesday*, at 11 a.m., Senate will meet with the House of Representatives for a joint meeting to hear an address from Silvio Berlusconi, Prime Minister of Italy. Also, Senate expects to vote on final passage of S. 2271, USA PATRIOT Act Additional Reauthorizing Amendments Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 28, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Library of Congress, Open World Leadership Council, and Government Accountability Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

March 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Water, to hold hearings to examine an outline of the Global Nuclear Energy Plan and the future of nuclear power, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: February 28, to hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 1, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine active component, reserve component, and civilian personnel programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 1, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation and the future combat